

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9. (New) A radio communication apparatus comprising:

a decoder that performs decoding processing on reception data every decoding unit, said reception data including a plurality of transmission units in said decoding unit;

a judging unit that judges a presence or absence of an error in the decoded reception data every transmission unit;

an updater that increments or decrements a reference value of a reception quality according to said presence or absence of an error to update said reference value; and

a generator that generates a transmission power control bit according to a result of comparison of the updated reference value and a measured reception quality, wherein

within each decoding unit, the number of times said updater increments said reference value is less than the number of transmission units having an error.

10. (New) The radio communication apparatus of claim 9, wherein, within each decoding unit, said updater increments said reference value only when an error is first detected.

11. (New) The radio communication apparatus of claim 9, wherein, within each decoding unit, said updater increments said reference value only once.

12. (New) The radio communication apparatus of claim 9, wherein said updater, after having incremented said reference value a predetermined number of times, decrements said reference value even when the transmission unit has an error.

13. (New) A communication terminal apparatus comprising the radio communication apparatus of claim 9.

14. (New) A base station apparatus comprising the radio communication apparatus of claim 9.

15. (New) A radio communication apparatus, comprising:
a decoder that performs decoding processing on reception data every decoding unit, said reception data including a plurality of transmission units in said decoding unit;

a judging unit that judges a presence or absence of an error in the decoded reception data every transmission unit;

an updater that increments or decrements a reference value of a reception quality according to said presence or absence of an error to update said reference value; and

a generator that generates a transmission power control bit according to a result of comparison of the updated reference value and a measured reception quality, wherein

within each decoding unit, said updater decrements said reference value by a decrement width that is in accordance with the number of times said reference value is incremented.

16. (New) The radio communication apparatus of claim 15, wherein said updater increases the decrement width proportionately as the number of times said reference value is incremented increases.

17. (New) A communication terminal apparatus comprising the radio communication apparatus of claim 15.

18. (New) A base station apparatus comprising the radio communication apparatus of claim 15.

19. (New) A transmission power control method comprising:
performing decoding processing on reception data every
decoding unit, said reception data including a plurality of
transmission units in said decoding unit;

judging a presence or absence of an error in the decoded
reception data every transmission unit;

incrementing or decrementing a reference value of a reception
quality according to said presence or absence of an error to update
said reference value; and

generating a transmission power control bit according to a
result of comparison of the updated reference value and a measured
reception quality, wherein

within each decoding unit, the number of times said reference
value is incremented is less than the number of transmission units
having an error.

20. (New) A transmission power control method comprising:
performing decoding processing on reception data every
decoding unit, said reception data including a plurality of
transmission units in said decoding unit;

judging a presence or absence of an error in the decoded
reception data every transmission unit;

incrementing or decrementing a reference value of a reception quality according to said presence or absence of an error to update said reference value; and

generating a transmission power control bit according to a result of comparison of the updated reference value and a measured reception quality, wherein

within each decoding unit, said reference value is decremented by a decrement width that is in accordance with the number of times said reference value is incremented.